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SUBJ: CODELS TO EGYPT

1. WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF CODELS COMING TO EGYPT, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT PLANNING PROCESS BE REGULARAIZED. IN THIS CONNECTION RECENT DEPT MESSAGES ABOUT CODELS HAVE USUALLY STATED ARRANGMENTS TO SEE SADAT AND OTHERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE THROUGH GHORBAL. DEPT SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS SYSTEM HAS PROVEN SINGULARLY INEFFECTIVE AND USUALLY LEAVES EMBASSY IN AWKWARD POSITION OF HAVING TO PICK UP THE PIECES AT THE LAST MINUTE.

2 WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT GHORBAL'S REQUEST GO TO THE MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE, WHICH THEN WASHES ITS HANDS OF RESPONSIBILITY BY TURNING THE MATTER OVER TO THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. PAS IS USUALLY EXTREMELY HOSPITABLE, BUT TOTALLY LACKADAISICAL IN ARRANGING MEETINGS. IN ANY CASE, IT HAS NO CLOUT IN ARRANGING MEETINS WITH THE PRESIDENT, DESPITE PROVEN INEFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROCESS, EACH TIME EMBASSY DISCREETLY TRIES TO ASSIST, WE ARE ALWAYS TOLD TA HAS EVERYTHING IN HAND UNTIL THE OPPOSITE INVARIABLY PROVES TO BE THE CASE. LIAISON WITH PA IS DIFFICULT SINCE PA IS SUCH AN AMORPHOUS BODY.

3. RECENT CODELS BYRD AND DALLENGER ARE CASES IN POINT. IN THE CASE OF BYRD, PA SOMHOW REQUESTED MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR A DAY PRIOR TO THE SENATOR'S ETA. FOR REASONS THAT STILL REMAIN INEXPLICABLE, PA APPARENTLY GAVE HIS NAME AS "SENATOR LEEDS." PA MADE NO ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW UP AND IN ABSENCE OF AN ANSWER FROM THE  
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PRESIDENCY, SIMPLY SHRUGGED ITS SHOULDERS. MEETING WITH

PRESIDENT HAD TO BE ARRANGED AT THE LAST MOMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR INTERVENING WITH THE PRINCIPAL PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL. LATTER, IT TRANSPIRED, HAD NOT EVEN HEARD OF PA REQUEST. SIMILARLY, IN CASE OF CODEL DELLENBACK, PA'S EFFORTS FLOUNDERED. HENCE, AGAIN AT THE LAST MINUTE THE AMBASSADOR HAD TO INTERVENE WITH THE PRESIDENCY (WHICH WAS LOCATED AT THE TIME IN IKING MARYUT, NEAR ALEXANDRIA) TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR THE NEXT DAY. THAT SAME EVENING, AFTER CODEL'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, PA OFFICIAL TELEPHONE TO SAY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COULD UNFORTUNATELY NOT BE ARRANGED\* ON BOTH OF THESE OCCASIONS AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO GET MEETING. HOWEVER, EVERYTIME WE THUS HAVE TO CIRCUMVENT PA, IT DEMONSTRATES LATTER'S INABILITY TO PRODUCE AND GETS A FEW NOSES OUT OF JOINT.

4. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, ASK GHORBAL TO KEEP OUT OF THIS. INDEED, OUR AND GOE INTERESTS ARE SERVED BY GHORBAL'S DEVELOPING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. IN VIEW OF AFOREMENTIONED PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, WE REQUEST THAT IN NOTIFYING US OF FUTURE CODEL VISITS, DEPT ALSO PROVIDE US WITH DETAILS OF WHOM AND WHAT THE CODEL WOULD LIKE TO SEE. WHILE WE CANNOT ALWAYS GUARANTEE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL SEE VISITING CODELS, OUR PROPOSED PROCEDURE WILL ENABLE US ASSERT A MORE DIRECT ROLE IN ARRANGING CODEL SCHEDULES ON TIMELY BASES AND OBVIATE LAST MINUTE "CRASH" EFFORTS.  
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